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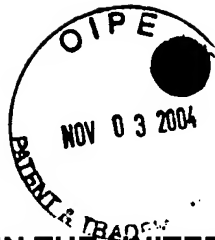
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant encloses an English language abstract and translation of the following passages of DE 19949890: column 4, lines 11-59; column 5, lines 46-58; and column 6, lines 31-63. This document was cited in the International Search Report of corresponding application PCT/CH03/00013, and was previously listed in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on October 13, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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